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PROPOSALS

1. MAARIV POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT HARIF ON MARCH 26
PUBLISHED ARTICLE ATTRIBUTING TO PRIME MINISTER RABIN
FOLLOWING INFORMATION RE ISRAELI NEGOTIATING PROPOSALS RAISED
DURING SECRETARY'S LAST VISIT TO AREA.

2 HARIF QUOTES RABIN AS SAYING " EGYPT REJECTED AN ISRAELI
PROPOSAL TO HOLD A DIRECT ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN MEETING IN THE
KM 101 STYLE TO DISCUSS WAYS OF SETTLEING THE ISSUES
INVOLVED IN AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT IN SINAI". ACCORDING
TO RABIN ISRAEL STILL THINKS THAT THIS REMAINS ONE OF
BEST WAYS TO ACHIEVE A MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS
SETTLEMENT. THE ISRAELI NEGOTIATORS PURPORTEDLY BELIEVE
THAT WHAT CANNOT BE SETTLED BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT
BEFORE GENEVA CAN HARDLY BE SETTLED THERES.

3. AS REGARDS POSSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SYRIA,

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HARIF ATTRIBUTES THE FOLLOWING REMARKS TO PRIME

MINISTER RABIN " IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT, ISRAEL IS PREPARED TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT PRELIMINARY CONDITIONS FOR ACHIEVING A PEACE TREATY WITH ANY OF ITS NEIGHBORS AT ANY TIME AND IN ANY PLACE. ALSO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT, ISRAEL HAS MADE A GREAT EFFORT TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARDS AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT WITH EGYPT. IN THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, WE WERE ASKED BY DR. KISSINGER WHETHER WE WOULD AGREE IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO HOLD NEGOTIATIONS WITH SYRIA FOR AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT. OUR ANSWER WAS AFFIRMATIVE."

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